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Ondas de Esperanza
8102 Carroll Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

January 28, 2010

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission

RE: Request for exemption from commissions closed captioning rules

Ondas de Esperanza respectfully submits this petition requesting an exemption from the commissions close captioning requirements on the basis of Undue Burden under section 79.1 of the commissions rules, 4 C.F.R. 779.1.

We produces a Spanish, weekly show named "Ondas de Esperanza" that seeks to bring awareness and education in sensitive topics currently affecting our community. The program is made possible though the voluntary labor and the freewill offering of our community members. We feel that consideration for this exemption should be based on:

Part 79.1 Section (d) Item (8)

Ondas de Esperanza is a program locally produced and distributed non-news with no repeat value. The education service is of local interest, and it is not news programming and the "electronic news room" technique is unavailable.

Part 79.1 (f)

Compliance would impose an Undue Burden on Ondas de Esperanza. Our organization is self-funded and our volunteers are the ones who are solely responsible for the financial obligations of our productions. Getting close captioning out of house would more than double the cost of producing the program. Getting the equipment for in-house along with the cost of transcribing and encoding the program would be a heavy financial burden.

Again, we request that Ondas de Esperanza be exempted from the closed captioning requirements for the above stated reasons. If more information is needed, please feel free to contact me at the address listed below.

Respectfully


Fausto Salazar
Director

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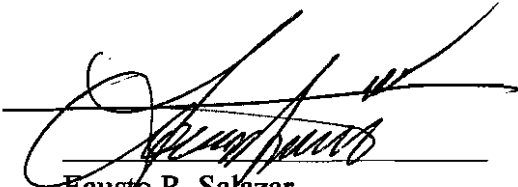
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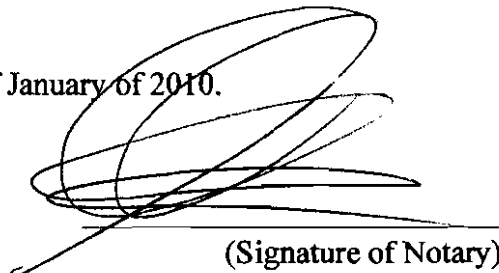
BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary, Maria Sanchez, on this twenty-eighth day of January of 2010, personally appeared Fausto R. Salazar, known to me personally as a credible person and of lawful age, who being by me first duly sworn, on his oath deposes and says:

We are non-profit organization that is currently running a weekly program at Univision channel. Our program "Ondas de Esperanza" is produced in effort to educate our community. It will definitely represent an extra burden for us to have to solicit assistance from a captioning distributor being that we don't count on any government monetary assistance or funds.



Fausto R. Salazar
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Subscribed and sworn before me this twenty-eighth day of January of 2010.


(Signature of Notary)

Maria Sanchez
(Typed name of Notary)
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commissions expires
May 15, 2010